

REMARKS

Claims 3-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 3, 5, 7 and 9-10 are amended. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully appreciates the Office Action's indication that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. The claims are amended to overcome the informalities listed in the Office Action. Accordingly, this application is now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 3-10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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